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Visit of Air Chief Marshal to France
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air Chief Marshal visited France recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the main focus of the visit along with the issues discussed during their visit;

(c) the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed along with the terms and conditions thereto; and

(d) the details of the military cooperation between India and France at present?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) & (b): The Chief of Air Staff (CAS) visited France from 17-21 July, 2017. The visit focused on strengthening India-France defence cooperation, especially enhanced engagement and interactions between the Indian Air Force and its French counterpart.
(c) No Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed during the visit.
(d) India-France defence cooperation is pursued through Ministerial level dialogue and various institutional mechanisms such as annual meetings of High Committee on Defence Cooperation (HCDC) at the level of Defence Secretary, as well as Executive Steering Groups [ESGs] of Army, Navy and Air Force, high level visits, joint exercises, training exchanges etc.
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